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, AS REQUESTED REFTEL, AF/W COUNTRY OFFICER TELEPHONED GTE'S CARL FAFLICK FEBRUARY 11 IN WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, TO RELAY INFORMATION ON HOUSING STRUCTURE FOR SMALL EARTH STATION.

2. FAFLICK SAID THAT BOTH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND AUXILIARY GENERATOR COME WITH PRE-PACKAGED SHELTERS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE. GIRM REQUESTED THAT GTE IN ADDITION CONSTRUCT SMALL BUILDING TO HOUSE OFFICE, STORE-ROOM, LOUNGE, AND TOILET FOR OPERATORS ON DUTY. THIS POSES NO RPT NO DIFFICULTY. PROBLEM LIES IN GIRM REQUEST

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THAT GTE ALSO BUILD HOUSE FOR THE SITE CHIEF AND HIS

FAMILY, DESCRIBED BY THE GIRM AS A "USUAL FRINGE BENEFIT" FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL. GTE CONSIDERS THIS TO BE GIRM RESPONSIBILITY AND HAS SO INFORMED OFFICE OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (OPT) AUTHORITIES IN NOUAKCHOTT.

3. GTE HAS, HOWEVER, OFFERED TO PROVIDE GIRM WITH COST ESTIMATE FOR PRE-FAB HOUSE FOR SITE CHIEF FOR COST COM-

PARISON PURPOSES ONLY IN NEGOTIATING LOCAL CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION.

4. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION FAFLICK SAID HE WANTED DEPT. TO KNOW THAT HE AND GTE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION, LIAISON, AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY DCM DAVID H. SHINN DURING FAFLICK AND TELE-PRODUCTS INC. PRESIDENT BOGUSLAWSKI VISIT TO DISCUSS SMALL EARTH STATION PROJECT. INGERSOLL

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